

Development Authority of Lumpkin County Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2014
Conference Room, Lumpkin County Administration Building

Board Members in attendance: Kathy Crafton, Jim Curtis, Donna Gessell, John Gaston, Jim Higdon, JoAnne Taylor, Jason Cox, J. B. Jones

Associate Members/Guests in attendance: Adam Enrich

Meeting called to order by Chairman Jim Curtis at 9:02 am

Motion to approve agenda: J. B. Jones. Second: Jim Higdon. Motion carried.

Motion to approve April & May minutes: Jim Higdon. Second: J. B. Jones. Motion carried.

Financial reports

Monthly financial reports presented by Treasurer Kathy Crafton. May financial reports from Bates Carter are out of balance. Defer action on May financials until August meeting.

Steve Gooch introduced Adam Enrich. Local director for Georgia Power

RFP Lot 2 Ethan Allen – Executive Director Steve Gooch reported committee has met with contractors and we have a good idea of which contractor proposal we like. Committee is waiting for final information before making a recommendation to the Board. Spec building is going to cost around 1.5m. Chairman Curtis and Steve met with the Broker for a prospect who might be interested in partnering on the project. Jim has sent the Broker more information and expects to hear back for a meeting with the prospect.

Chairman Jim Curtis noted in a meeting with Norton he was encouraged to learn that Dawson County has a lack of suitable commercial inventory

GA 400 Property: Steve is communicating with the PPG Lab and Chestatee Properties negotiating a suitable deal for a 30,000 sq ft building. Development Authority will work to get water & sewer on site

Executive Directors report: Steve Gooch reported the Spirit Distillery is looking at 3 properties in the county but are still hoping the City will pass the required ordinance. City has to have a referendum to call for ballot to adopt the ordinance. Distillery in Frogtown has broken ground. Jim Parks has purchased the old water treatment plant on Wimpy Mill Road for a residential project. Steve is working with the BOC on a landscaping plan to use the \$50,000 from DOT. Gateway sign project is moving forward. Steve noted that the first of the signs

DALC had selected for the marketing project have been installed on GA 400. They look smaller than expected but are attracting attention.

Chairman Jim Curtis noted that Montaluce sold at auction and will close on July 28th. He also noted that he had met with the equity partner for Achasta and expects to see more development.

JoAnne Taylor asked about the status of the Visioning Project. No one knows what the holdup is now.

Jason Cox asked about the status of the decision for the location of the Convocation Center. Steve said he didn't think a decision had been made. He will follow up with Mac McConnell to see if he can get an update.

Motion to adjourn: Jim Higdon. Second: J. B. Jones. Meeting adjourned at 9:26am.

Approved